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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/614,221
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Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Sterol Synthesis and Metabolism**
Applicants: Balasulojini KARUNANANDAA *et al.*
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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (in duplicate);
2. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (in duplicate); and
3. Return postcard.

Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16518.112:

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| \$310.00 | Second month Extension of Time fee; and |
| \$330.00 | Notice of Appeal fee. |

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It should be noted that Applicants filed a Petition for one-month extension of time on September 17, 2003, thereby extending the deadline for filing this Notice of Appeal to September 21, 2003.

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In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16518.112. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments